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Response to Restriction Requirement
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The restriction requirement appears to have overlooked preliminary amendments filed November 13, 2001, and January 14, 2003 and February 6, 2003 as a result of which claims 1-13 have been cancelled and replaced with claims 14-24. Nevertheless, the replacement claims 14-24 fall under Group I as designated by the Examiner with respect to cancelled claims 1-13. Thus, applicants elect Group I without traverse, and request examination proceed on claims 14-24.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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